

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 24-42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 27, 34 and 40-42 are amended.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, as agreed at the personal interview, because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance; (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) do not present any additional claims. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

In section 1 on page 2, the Office Action rejects claims 1 and 24-42 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to recite that "p is an integer that ranges from 0 to 3" as suggested by the Office Action. Claims 1, 27 and 34, from which claims 24-26, 28-33 and 35-42 depend, are amended to recite, "irradiating at least a part of the film corresponding to the film pattern with a light". These amendments correspond exactly to the amendments proposed at the personal interview. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that these amendments overcome the rejection in section 1 of the Office Action.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 and 24-42 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

In section 2, the Office Action indicates that claims 1 and 24-42 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As stated above, claims 1 and 24-42 are amended in this manner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 24-42 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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